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VMC Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Next Monthly Meeting**
Tuesday, Jan 8th
2008, 7:30 at The
Langford Fire Hall
- **Magic Youth Meeting**
Friday, Jan 18th 7:00,
Murray's Trick & Joke
Shop
- **Round Table**, Monday,
Jan 21st ~ 7:00 The
Malahat Lounge
- **Annual Banquet**
Saturday, Jan. 26th ~
The Edelweiss Club
doors open 6:00
- **John Kaplan Lecture**,
Sunday, Jan 27th, 1:00
p.m. – The Malahat
Lounge
- **VMC Auction**, Tuesday
Feb 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the
Langford Fire Hall

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Victoria Magic Circle – Ernie Crockford Ring #183

JANUARY MEETING



WHAT'S MY STYLE: Steve Hignett

TEACH A TRICK: Ryan Stanley

SHOWTIME 'What Did I Get for Christmas?': Paul Kilshaw

REFRESHMENTS: Lucas Kavanagh

The VMC Annual Banquet

Tickets are on sale until January 19th (or until sold out) at MURRAY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP, and will be available at the January 8th Monthly Meeting, for the Annual Banquet & Show to be held Saturday, January 26th, 2008.

As per tradition this fabulous evening will be held at The Edelweiss Club, 108 Niagara St. and will feature a full dinner buffet supplied by Innovations Catering. This **night out includes close-up magic, dinner, and stage entertainment featuring *John Kaplan!***

We highly recommend you buy tickets now to guarantee your spot. Tickets will NOT be available at the door and must be paid at time of receipt. **Tickets are \$35 each**, which is a phenomenal deal for the full dinner and a hired stage show, as the dinner itself (without entertainment) is worth over 30 dollars.

Ron Bell is coordinating the Close-up Table magic. Please contact Ron at bellron@shaw.ca if you would like to be part of the Close-up Magic Team... the more the merrier!

*Don't forget, we will run a 50/50 draw and a raffle to add to the evening's fun, to help offset our entertainment costs. Contact **Ben L'Heureux** at 474-9378 if you have an item or service to donate to the raffle table.*



THE PREZ SEZ.. plus our Lecture Report

Greetings Members ,

The holiday hubbub is near an end...

I know personally I am slowly winding down from my hectic schedule.

With all the up and coming events for the 2008 magic year we will not be facing the long cold days of winter with out ALOT of cool magic activities. First we have the **Annual Banquet January 26th**, then on **January 27th at 1:00pm at the Malahat Room we have a FREE (for members in good standing) lecture by John Kaplan**, our headliner from the banquet. John will be lecturing on the business end of the magic industry. **In the first week of February (I believe the 2nd or 3rd) I have confirmed David Regal to lecture in Victoria.** The exact day to be confirmed shortly.

Tuesday, February 5th is our annual Auction, and we are thrilled to have Mike Brough as our auctioneer once again, thanks Mike! Please read page 3 for all the auction details, and check the last page of your newsletter for the **auction form**.

Please note the **first meeting of 2008 has been moved from Tuesday January 1st to Tuesday January 8th**. The Business meeting commences at 7:30 and is followed by 'What's My Style!' featuring Steve Hignett. After the break Ryan Stanley will do 'Teach a Trick', followed by Show Time Activities 'What Did I get for Christmas' (hosted by me). Thank you Lucas Kavanagh for bringing January meeting refreshments. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Paul



The December 17th Round Table was attended by Rob Brown, Charles Morgan, Bob Reilly, John Graham and myself. As December is a busy time of year for most, there was no topic for the night and we left it as an open jam session.

Rob started us off explaining Ed Marlo's OLRAM subtlety via Daryl's 8-card Brainwave. John then introduced us to some Chinese coins... lots of coins. He followed up with an effect where he "cut" his own neck with a piece of dental floss (hey, I thought Halloween effects were in October? :) and ended with his control over a dancing card.

John and Rob then showed us what they learned from the last club meeting, Ron Bell's Nu Wave Brainwave (aka By Chance or By Choice). Charles mystified us yet again where he mentally ascertained the card Rob, Bob and I were each holding (KENT by Kenton Knepper). This was followed by something new I was working on (taught to me by Rob), Darwin Ortiz's Walkaround Triumph. Bob showed us his Benson Bowl routine and I ended off with collecting suggestions on how to present my newly acquired Wow!

The next Round Table session will begin promptly at 7:00pm, Monday, January 21st at the Malahat Lounge ~ Building #105 Gorge Road East. Buzz #80 to be let into the building and head up to the Penthouse. The January topic will be all about coin work and lead by John Gilliland.

Submitted by Justin Louie

The February Magic Auction

Time to collect your items for the famous February VMC Magic Auction!

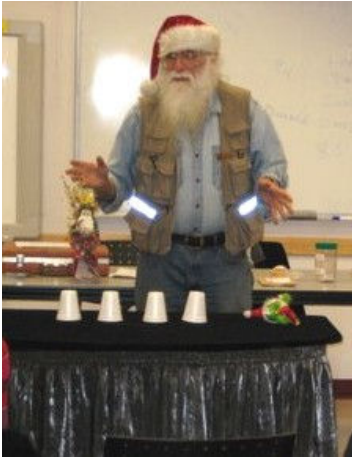
Note the VMC Auction is OPEN TO VMC MEMBERS ONLY (no friends or MYI). The Auction starts at 7:00 sharp and usually goes LATE (11:00?) so please be prepared for a long but highly entertaining night.

SELLERS: *We successfully used a method of keeping sales fair by limiting the number of items a seller can lay down at one time. Here's how it works:*

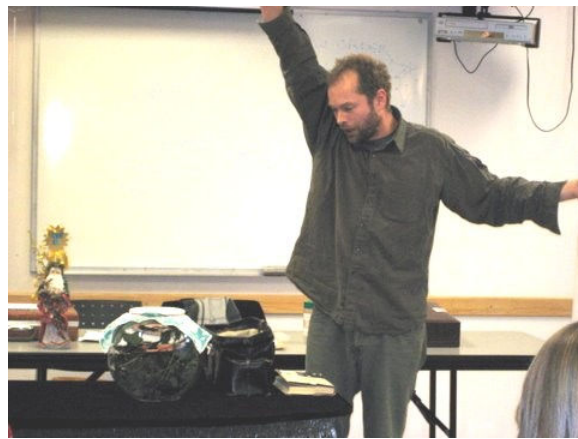
1. Collect your items.
2. Your items (or lots of items) must be listed on an Auction Item Sheet.
 - A MAXIMUM of 10 items (or lots of items) are allowed PER SHEET, and a MAXIMUM of 3 sheets (30 items or lots) is/are allowed per person.
 - You must provide a DUPLICATE of each sheet as we need one for the Auctioneer and one for the Treasurer (either duplicate them by hand, or by photocopying).
 - Sheets must be filled out in ADVANCE of the auction.
 - Where do you get your Auction Item Sheets? One is attached to the last page of this newsletter, so you can print your own. A limited number will be available at our January meeting.
 - Note if you have only ONE sheet of items, you must indicate '1 of 1' at the top of the sheet. If you have a 2nd sheet of items, you must indicate '1 of 2' and '2 of 2' at the top of the sheets. If you have three sheets of items you must write '1 of 3', '2 of 3' and '3 of 3' at the top of each sheet.
3. Bring your items and sheets to the Auction by 6:30. Sellers must arrive by 6:30 because the Auction commences at 7:00 p.m. sharp.
 - Give a set of all your Auction Item Sheets (you may have up to 3 sheets) to our Treasurer (Kerry Zado).
 - Lay a copy of sheet 1 and sheet 1 items on Auction Table (right after whoever has already laid down their sheet 1 items). If you have a Sheet 2, lay it and items AFTER all other seller's sheet ones, regardless of when they arrive (leave space!). If you have a Sheet 3, lay it and items after all the other sellers' sheet twos.
4. Let the fun begin. Note 10% of all sales go to the Club, and cheques will be mailed out to you AFTER Auction Night, unless you are very patient and happy to wait to the very end of all treasurer Kerry's work.

BUYERS: *We are all potential buyers, so make sure you bring your cheque books or cash and grab a number card from Auctioneer Mike Brough.*

1. We recommend you come just as early as the sellers, 6:30, in order to peruse all the great items and decide what you will bid on.
2. Note you must stay to the end of the night and pay for your items via cash or cheque at the end of the night. This is because our Treasurer cannot be distracted from his job to accept payments in the middle of the auction as he is busy writing figures during the Auction.



The all-seeing, all-knowing Charles Morgan.



David Gifford is fantastic!!!



Donald Dunphy works magic with garland and volunteer Justin Louie.

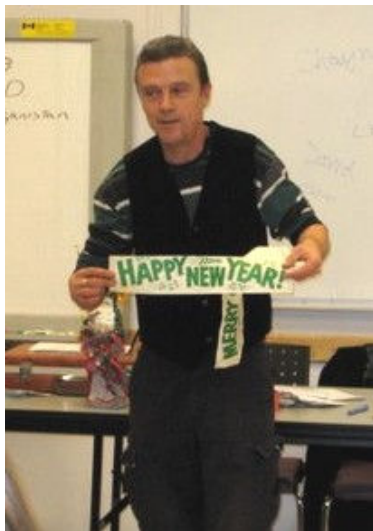


Ed Silva-White works some holiday fun.

Pictures from our Seasonal Magic Competition



Hugh Livingstone presents some great Christmas sleights.



Shayne King wishes us first a Christmas Merry, then a Merry Christmas and finally a Happy New year.



Contest Coordinator Joy Kruger and President Paul Kilshaw award Charles Morgan with the esteemed Santa trophy!



Nick Schols makes a stunning reindeer.



Volunteer Ray Parker wears gorgeous high-fashion Rudolph earmuffs, while John Gilliland makes a mental note to put a set on his own Christmas wish list.

Magic Youth International

~ Cory Landels

This month's MYI meeting did not happen due to no VMC facilitator showing up. However, there are lots of events to look forward to in the New Year! The next meeting is on January 18th and is 100% guaranteed, so if you're under 16 drop by Murray's Trick and Joke Shop at 7:00. On February 15th, the Annual MYI Auction will take place at Murray's Trick and Joke Shop. More info will be available at January's meeting. Don't forget about the annual Dinner Show on Saturday, January 26th at the Victoria Edelweiss Club. Door open at



Cory in action at the April 07 MYI competition

6:00 and tickets are available at Murray's Trick and Joke Shop for just \$35. All MYIers are welcome, but keep in mind that it's not a kid-oriented event. Headlining this year is John Kaplan, who will also be giving a lecture about marketing magic the following day at 1:00 PM. in the Malahat Room. This lecture is FREE to all members in good standing of the VMC and MYI (members with their IBM cards.) The MYI would like to wish you and you're family a Magical Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Around, About & Out-of-Town

There is still time to get out to enjoy the lights and magic at Butchart Gardens, where **Paul Kilshaw** is finishing the run of Christmas shows through January 7th in the Blue Poppy Restaurant. In addition, Butchart's expanded this year's magical line-up to include **Lucas Kavanagh** on Dec. 20th, 21st, and 22nd, and **Shayne King** on Dec. 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

An update from **Tony Eng** – daughters **Sandra Eng** and **Julie Eng** are in Victoria to support their ol' dad... who is going through chemo treatments. Tony will be going in for his 4th chemo treatment on December 24/07. The girls are also home to celebrate Christmas and to bring in the new year. Tony's feeling GREAT and even took the time to perform a few magic shows during the Christmas season. **Damien and Michele Carriere** have been extremely busy with Christmas magic shows and parenting 3 year old Zavain and 7 month old Elias while Michele has been on maternity leave. The duo are also preparing for a small illusion tour through Arts BC for January. Damien has created and built a couple of new illusions for this tour. Damien continues to teach the "Carriere Course in Magic" Level 1 and 2 at a Rec. Center and an Arts Studio. Zavain loves planes, trains, and magic and Elias is crawling everywhere and starting to take steps when he is standing and holding onto things. Damien says hi to everyone and wishes us a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! **Justin Louie** has been working some very long hours since November 19th toward completion of the next version of the software he's working on, www.flock.com (it's a new social web browser used to surf the web). **Don McCulloch** on his 88th birthday (in November) decided to treat his son Monty and grandson Tyler to a week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico commencing January 3rd, 2008. He has consequently mastered important language expressions (and this one heads the list) " otro cervesa, por favor senior/seniorita.". Hasta la vista, cocadrilla (Don asks we make allowances for spelling, any Spanish Speakers out there?). Don also submitted a Christmas story he penned and had published in the Times-Colonist in 1989. This is a Christmas story from sixty years ago while he served aboard the HMCS Prince Rupert. Here is an excerpt: 'The star, for such it was, seemed to dip and sway across the forestay in an erratic dance, beckoning the ship onward'. Please visit

<http://www.victoriamagiccircle.com/newsletters/2007/McCullochChristmas.pdf> for the full article.

Happy Holidays from MURRAY'S TRICK & JOKE SHOP



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Seasons Greetings to all,

I hope everyone has had a great Christmas full of family, friends and happiness. Now it's time to look forward to the New Year and everything that's in store in 2008. Hopefully it will be a year of change, global awareness and most importantly - peace.

Here at the shop we're looking forward to the start of our third year in business. As much as I can't believe how quickly the time has gone we're thrilled to be here and looking forward to a wonderful year. We do have several new items in stock that I recommend you check out...

For those with a late Christmas show or two you might want to consider the Samuel Patrick Smith's - **Magic Christmas Picture**. The magician

displays a black and white outline drawing of a rooftop with reindeer pulling an empty sleigh that's ready to land. A volunteer from the audience chooses several different crayons and writes his name on the sign in front of the house, then colors in the reindeer's nose and adds a little smoke coming out of the chimney. The assistant then holds the picture while everyone says the magic words. When the picture is turned around, Santa is in the sleigh and it's full of presents, complete with a Christmas tree and everything is coloured in!

Your Card - The magician states that he can see the selected card because it is a "Marked Card" but to do so, he will need the "special" glasses. With the "special" glasses on, the magician can indeed see one card

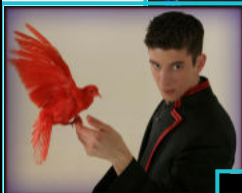
marked with a giant "YOUR CARD" on the back (the audience thinks he is crazy because they can also see the mark!) The card is then turned over to show that it is the spectator's selection, but when the magician removes the glasses... the mark is gone!

Spider Pen - Here it is -- the next generation of Invisible Thread Reel. This is a reel-workers dream come true. The Electric Spider Pen is a first-class product, nothing else even comes close.

We also have a number of popular effects back in stock including the latest hit - **WOW**, plus **Sympathet-Ink, Spirit Glass** and more.

Thanks for a great year and see you in 2008.

Murray & Teresa



Murray and Teresa are still touring with their annual *Magic 'n Miracles* show. The show this year includes Juliana Chen, Darcy Oake and David Kaplan. They'll be appearing at the **Royal Theatre on January 9th**. For information or tickets call **1-800-268-7371**.



